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December 19, 2002

The Honorable Board of Supervisors  
County of Los Angeles  
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration  
500 West Temple Street  
Los Angeles, California 90012

Dear Supervisors:

**ACCEPTANCE OF GRANT IN THE AMOUNT OF \$50,000.00 FROM THE  
CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF BOATING AND WATERWAYS  
FOR THE PURCHASE OF EQUIPMENT FOR  
LIFEGUARD RESCUE BOAT OPERATIONS  
(3RD AND 4TH DISTRICTS) (3 VOTES)**

**IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT YOUR BOARD, ACTING AS THE GOVERNING  
BODY FOR THE CONSOLIDATED FIRE PROTECTION DISTRICT:**

1. Approve and instruct the Chair to accept a \$50,000.00 grant from the California Department of Boating and Waterways for the purpose of purchasing equipment for Los Angeles County Lifeguard Rescue Boat Operations.
2. Authorize Fire Chief P. Michael Freeman to sign the Agreement with the California Department of Boating and Waterways.

**PURPOSE OF RECOMMENDED ACTION:**

This Agreement will provide the Lifeguards with a grant of \$50,000.00 for purchasing two (2) Rescue Boat engines.

**JUSTIFICATION:**

The purchase of these engines will provide the necessary replacement of engines that are 16 years old in one of the Rescue Boats. This would assist Lifeguard Rescue Boat Operations in maintaining quality public safety to the boating and beach community within Los Angeles County.

Approximately 55 million people visit public beaches annually on the Los Angeles County coastline. In addition, approximately 13 million people visit the docking/berthing areas annually. These areas are patrolled by the Lifeguard Rescue Boat Fleet and are protected by the Los Angeles County Lifeguards.

The Lifeguard Rescue Boat Fleet operates along the 76 miles of Los Angeles County Coastline, as well as 40 miles around Catalina Island. The fleet is also available to respond to emergency calls as far north as Ventura County and as far south as Orange County.

**FISCAL IMPACT:**

This Agreement will provide the necessary funds to purchase two (2) engines for a Lifeguard Rescue Boat, a cost-avoidance of \$50,000.00. In addition, this purchase will also lower future maintenance costs for the boat.

**FINANCING:**

Does not apply.

**FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS:**

Board of Supervisors' authorization is a grant requirement. Los Angeles County meets or exceeds all State grant requirements.

**IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES:**

This Contract will assist the Lifeguard Rescue Boat Operations in supporting our ongoing commitment to provide exemplary emergency services for the 55 million visitors who come to our beaches annually.

The engines that will be replaced are 16 years old and susceptible to frequent breakdown. New engines will be beneficial in maintaining available and reliable rescue resources, and will lower the annual cost of boat maintenance.

**CONCLUSION:**

Instruct the Executive Officer to forward four (4) approved copies of this Board letter and minute order to the Fire Chief of the Consolidated Fire Protection District for further processing.

Respectfully submitted,

P. MICHAEL FREEMAN

PMF:RDW:plf

c: Chief Administrative Officer  
Auditor - Controller  
County Counsel  
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors